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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent,
please amend as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert
therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert
therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 11" and insert
therefor --claim 1--.

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